

***PATENT***

Atty Docket No. 371299

Express Mail No. EL331135329US

**OATH, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

Being duly sworn, we, Robert I. Bolla and Joseph E. Zahner, both citizens of the United States of America, are residents of the City of St. Louis, and the State of Missouri, together with Monty S. Kerley, also a citizen of the United States, City of Columbia, and County of Boone, that our postal addresses are as identified hereinbelow in association with our signatures; that we verily believe we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or discovery of ANIMAL FEED CONTAINING POLYPEPTIDES, that we reviewed and do understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration; that we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a); that we do not claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any foreign application for patent or inventor's

certificate; that no foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representative or assigns; and that we do not claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120, of any prior United States application.

And we hereby appoint the firm and individual members of LATHROP & GAGE L.C., 2345 Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri 64108, Telephone (816) 292-2000, a firm composed of Patrick C. Woolley, Reg. No. 39,078; William A. Rudy, Reg. No. 34,916; Peter C. Knops, Reg. No. 37,659; James M. Stipek, Reg. No. 39,388, and Joseph L. Johnson, Reg. No. 39,718 our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

WHEREFORE, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, oath, power of attorney and this petition, the 12 day of June, 2000.

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STATE OF MISSOURI :  
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS :

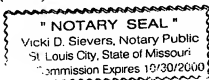
On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000, before me personally appeared **Robert I. Bolla** and **Joseph E. Zahner** to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as their free act and deed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

Vicki D. Sievers  
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

October 30, 2000  
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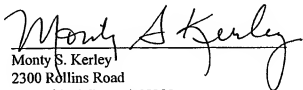
Being duly sworn, I, Monty S. Kerley, a citizen of the United States of America, resident of the City(s) of Columbia, County(s) of Boone, and the State of Missouri, together with Robert I. Bolla and Joseph E. Zahner, also citizens of the United States of America, residents of the City of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, that my postal address is as identified hereinbelow in association with my signature; that I verily believe we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or discovery of ANIMAL FEED CONTAINING POLYPEPTIDES, that I have reviewed and do understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration; that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a); that I do not claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119, of any

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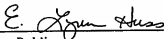
WHEREFORE, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, oath, power of attorney and this petition, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000.

  
Monty S. Kerley  
2300 Rollins Road  
Columbia, Missouri 65203

STATE OF MISSOURI :  
: ss.  
COUNTY OF BOONE :

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000, before me personally appeared Monty S. Kerley to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as his free act and deed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

  
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

2-10-2001  
(SEAL)

E. LYNN HUSS  
Notary Public-Notary Seal  
State of Missouri  
County of Boone  
My Commission Expires Feb. 10, 2001